

I am very concerned about the dwindling number of voices in the media. Further consolidation of ownership can only make it impossible (which it is close to already) for dissenting voices to be heard turning our democracy into hypocrisy. Already I, and many professionals I speak with, are concerned that the media is not trustworthy as long as it is owned by corporations with vested interest in popular opinion, i.e. when they stand to make or lose money based on the information that is or is not being reported. Business is in business to make money or you could say to survive, having the ability to effect financial gain even if it means abusing access, will almost always be taken advantage of. There is evidence of that everywhere. If there is one purpose for government it is to be the protector of some level of fairness.

Please increase the restrictions on ownership of broadcasters, or at a minimum do not reduce the restrictions.

Thank you for your time, attention, and giving me the access to voice my opinion.

Sincerely,

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